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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/NIPE

SUBJECT: Visit of RAND Officials

1. Mr. John P. White, Vice President, and James F. Digby, his assistant, from the RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California, visited me today to discuss possible ways in which RAND could assist in the development of the DCI program responding to the President's memorandum of 5 November 1971. The visit was at RAND's initiative and prior to calling me, Mr. White and Mr. Digby had made arrangements to visit with Mr. Colby.

2. The list of projects they intended to discuss with Mr. Colby covered such matters as analyzing comparative force relationships among the US, CPR, and USSR. [REDACTED]

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3. With respect to the DCI's community role, RAND indicated an interest in becoming involved in conceptual problems. One suggestion involved a survey of techniques and modes of analysis (DELPHI, Bayesian theory) and an examination of statistical forecasting techniques such as are used in the stock market, weather forecasting, etc. Studies of the career development of analysts was also mentioned. I have been thinking of the possibility of greater use by the intelligence community of modeling techniques and talked briefly with the RAND representatives about their capabilities in this field.

4. I emphasized during the discussions that our program was still in the initial formulation stage and I had no indication as yet as to whether there might be any requirement for research by outside agencies or, even if such research were desirable, whether there was any possibility of obtaining the necessary contractual funds. I told them that as of now I had no access to money for external research, but that I was not certain what the situation might be in the future.

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